

GEAR POST

Waynesboro
Rotary Club
5780

June 2020

President: Lowrie Tucker
President Elect: Rebecca Shin
Secretary: Mary Ann Everly-Maupin
Treasurer: Laurie Landes
Immediate Past President: David Balser
Directors: Dick Clark, Jim Hyson, Francine Johnston and Vonda Lacey,



Save the Dates

Nancy Whitlock will be installed as District Governor at the Wayne Theater **Monday June 29th**. A limited number of seats will be available for the noon event but it will also be "live streamed" to YouTube, thanks to the efforts of Len Poulin. There will be no meeting **July 2nd**.

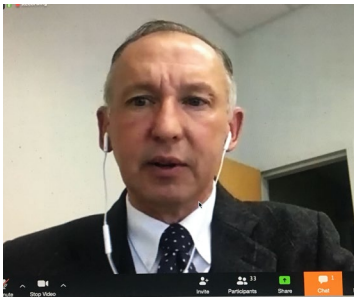
May 14



Report from The Community Foundation

About 35 members participated in our first Zoom meeting that included speaker Dan Layman of the Community Foundation of the Central Blue Ridge. The Foundation serves Staunton, Waynesboro and surrounding counties and has been mobilizing local resources to meet the needs of people impacted by COVID-19. Dan described how organizations are distributing food, assisting with rent, housing the homeless, providing health care, assisting small businesses, and offering free counseling for people suffering from social isolation and mental health issues. Looking ahead, Dan also talked about how a series of phased relief efforts will need to extend into the future.

May 21



Courts in the Time of COVID-19

Commonwealth Attorney David Ledbetter joined the Zoom meeting today to give us an update on how the court system is coping during the pandemic. Courts were shut down for over a month but trials are beginning to take place again both in person and remotely. The court system is finding some advantages to the use of technology that will probably be continued but jury trials remain a problem and will be delayed until late summer or early fall. The population of the overcrowded Middle River jail was reduced by releasing nonviolent offenders and those with less than 30 days left to serve.

May 28

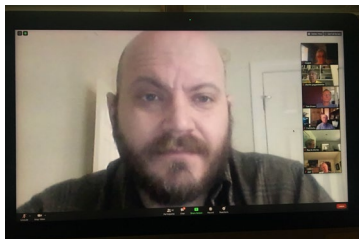


Update from the Boys and Girls Club

Tom Hardiman, who serves as treasurer for the board of The Boys and Girls Club, joined us today to talk about the fire at the East Main Street location. The club had been closed from the time the school system shut down but was just starting to provide children care for essential workers when a fire gutted the kitchen early on May 15th. Water and smoke damage was extensive and a complete overhaul of the facilities will be needed. This provides an unexpected opportunity to reconfigure the spaces and create a community resource center.

Insurance will cover much of the repairs, but the club is hoping to raise an additional \$10,000 through a GoFundMe account to cover unexpected expenses and upgrades.

June 4



The Faltering Newspaper Business

Brain Carlton, who served as managing editor of the News-Virginian from 2013 to 2016, was able to join us via zoom from NC. Brain reported that while 20% of small local newspapers have folded in the last 20 years, many more have been bought up by large corporations whose bottom line he characterized as “prestige above profit”. Typically reporters have been cut as corporate management salaries have gone up. This has led to fewer stories, especially local news. Brian feels that poor financial planning is a bigger factor than lack of reader interest when it comes to the demise of newspapers.

In Sympathy

Brett Hayes lost his father, John Hayes, on May 18. John was a Paul Harris Fellow and active in Rotary fundraisers. He was very proud of Brett and his role in Rotary. Our sympathies to Brett and his family.

Notes from the Board

The board approved a donation of \$750 to the Wayne Theater to support their summer camps.

Proposed Members

If there are no objections submitted, in writing, to the Board within ten (10) days of this notice, these individuals shall be duly qualified for membership in the Rotary Club of Waynesboro.

Nominee: *Angela Taylor*

Employed By: Magellan
Heath Care of Virginia
Classification: Health Care/
Administrator
Proposed By: Jeff Fife

Nominee: *RuthAnn Elizabeth “Liz” Hogan*

Employed By: E-N Computers
Classification: Computer /
Marketing
Proposed By: Charlie
Guggenheimer & Lowrie Tucker

Nominee: *Margaret “Meg” Huebeck*

Employed By: UVA Center for
Politics
Classification: Education / Training
& Development Specialist
Proposed By: Jeff Fife

100th Anniversary 5 years away

Our centennial is still a few years away but we are beginning to pull together anything that might help us reconstruct our history. If you have any Rotary artifacts (old *GearPosts*, newspaper clippings, etc.) let Francine Johnston or Mary Ann Everly know.

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